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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/596,650 02/27/02
Filing Date	June 19, 2000
First Named Inventor	Robert Luciano, Jr. A.
Group Art Unit	3724
Examiner Name	Omar Flores-Sanchez
Attorney Docket Number	732.400

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 19, 2001
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
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 - iii. Other Extra Claim
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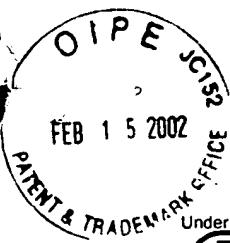
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Examiner Name	O. Flores-Sanchez
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	690	201 345 Utility filing fee	
106	310	206 155 Design filing fee	
107	480	207 240 Plant filing fee	
108	690	208 345 Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214 75 Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims <u>21</u>	<u>-20** = 1</u>	<u>9.00 = 9.00</u>
Independent <u>3</u>	<u>-3** = 0</u>	<u>0.00 = 0.00</u>
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**or number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, see below

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103	18	203 9 Claims in excess of 20
102	78	202 39 Independent claims in excess of 3
104	260	204 130 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	78	209 39 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105	130	205 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	0.00
127	50	227 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	0.00
139	130	139 130 Non-English specification	0.00
147	2,520	147 2,520 For filing a request for reexamination	0.00
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115	110	215 55 Extension for reply within first month	0.00
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117	870	217 435 Extension for reply within third month	0.00
118	1,360	218 680 Extension for reply within fourth month	0.00
128	1,850	228 925 Extension for reply within fifth month	0.00
119	300	219 150 Notice of Appeal	0.00
120	300	220 150 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	0.00
121	260	221 130 Request for oral hearing	0.00
138	1,510	138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	0.00
140	110	240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	0.00
141	1,210	241 605 Petition to revive - unintentional	0.00
142	1,210	242 605 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	0.00
143	430	243 215 Design issue fee	0.00
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149	690	249 345 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	0.00
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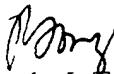
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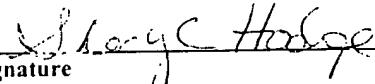
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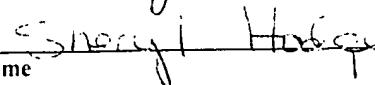
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